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TAGS: ETRD, GATT

SUBJECT: FINNISH-EAST EUROPEAN FTA AGREEMENTS

1. FINNISH DCM HOSTED WORKING LUNCHEON WHICH INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM US, CANADIAN, JAPANESE, SWISS, NEW ZEALAND MISSIONS, HELSINKI OFFICIALS AND GATT SECRETARIAT TO DISCUSS FUTURE GATT REVIEW OF FINNISH-EAST EUROPEAN AGREEMENTS. EC COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE NOT PRESENT. DISCUSSION WAS UNUSUALLY FRANK AND AGREEMENT REACHED ON FUTURE PROGRAM.

2. IN THE CASE OF CZECH AGREEMENT, FINNS ASSURED GROUP THAT CZECHS WOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WHICH THEY HAD LEFT UNANSWERED AT PREVIOUS  
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SESSION. OTHERS DID NOT COMMENT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS

OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM. FINNS INDICATED THEIR GOAL WAS TO HAVE THE REVIEW OF THE CZECH AGREEMENT REACH THE SAME STATUS AS THE HUNGARIAN AGREEMENT. THERE WAS NO DISSENT.

3. FINNS STATED THAT THE BULGARIANS ARE NOW PREPARED TO ATTEND WORKING PARTY BUT WOULD REMAIN SILENT; FINNS WOULD SPEAK OF THEIR BEHALF. JAPANESE WONDERED HOW WORKING PARTY MEMBERS COULD BE ASSURED THAT ANSWERS PROVIDED BY FINNS REFLECTED BULGARIAN VIEWS. OTHERS DID NOT CONSIDER THIS A PROBLEM AND JAPANESE FINALLY ACCEPTED FINNISH ASSURANCES THAT THEY WOULD WORK OUT REPLIES CAREFULLY WITH BULGARIANS AND COULD SPEAK FOR THEM. THEY REQUESTED THAT AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE BE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT WORKING PARTY WOULD MEET IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER.

4. EAST GERMANS CONTINUE TO REFUSE TO ATTEND WORKING PARTY. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE EAST GERMAN OR HUNGARIAN AGREEMENTS. A FINNISH-POLISH AGREEMENT IS IN THE WORKS. DALE

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